

Warden Message

June 18, 2008

Dear Warden and Registrant:

Please share the following information with all American citizens as soon as possible. Please contact the American Citizen Services section via e-mail (ConsularQuito@state.gov), fax 2561-524, or telephone 2562-890 ext. 4561, if you have any questions.

The below message is a follow-up on the December 2007 Warden Message regarding the Teleferico, which can be viewed at:

<http://ecuador.usembassy.gov/uploads/MT/2L/MT2LsQTXgAXykfy0w9nHw/December-11-2007.pdf>

In light of an additional sexual assault taking place on Volcano Pichincha on June 13, 2008, the U.S. Embassy Ecuador strongly recommends that all American citizens visiting or resident in Ecuador avoid using the hiking paths that lead from the Teleferico along the Volcano Pichincha in Quito. Sexual and armed assaults continue to be committed against foreign tourists. Over the past six months, six separate sexual assaults, as well as numerous armed robberies, have been reported on the pathways accessible from the Teleferico. Assaults have occurred when people have been traveling in groups and at all times of the day. The perpetrators are still at large. Visitors to the Teleferico should not stray from the immediate vicinity of the Teleferico viewing terraces and facilities.

The U.S. Embassy Ecuador will distribute an additional Warden Message should the situation change.

Americans living or traveling in Ecuador are encouraged to register with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate through the State Department's travel registration website, <https://travelregistration.state.gov>, and to obtain updated information on travel and security within Ecuador. Americans without Internet access may register directly with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. By registering, American citizens make it easier for the Embassy or Consulate to contact them in case of emergency. Please see the following links for local warden message information in Quito and Guayaquil, respectively, <http://ecuador.usembassy.gov> and <http://guayaquil.usconsulate.gov>.

The U.S. Embassy in Quito is located at the corner of Avenida 12 de Octubre and Avenida Patria (across from the Casa de la Cultura). The telephone during business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) is (011) 593 2 256 2890 X4561. For after-hours emergencies use (011) 593 2 256 1749. The fax is (011) 593 2 256 1-524. Within the same city use the last seven digits. Add the city code for intercity telephone calls. See also the Embassy web site at <http://ecuador.usembassy.gov>.

The U.S. Consulate General in Guayaquil is located at the corner of Avenida 9 de Octubre and Garcia Moreno (near the Hotel Oro Verde); telephone (011-593-4) 232-3570 during business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) or 232-1152 for after-hours emergencies; fax (011-593-4) 232-0904. See the Consulate General web site at <http://guayaquil.usconsulate.gov>.